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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 17. (canceled)

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18 (currently amended) A tree shaped candle holder comprising:

at least one twisted tree wire having a root end and a branch end;

at least one bead wrappingly connected to said tree wire adjacent to said

10 branch end;

at least one votive cup wrappingly connected to said tree wire; and

a base connected to said tree wire root end, said base having a votive

cavity therein;

wherein said tree wire is comprised of aluminum; said bead is comprised of colored

15 glass; and

~~The tree-shaped candle holder of claim 14 wherein:~~

said base is comprised of plaster.

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20 (original) A method of constructing a tree shaped candle holder comprising the steps of:

bending at least one tree wire in the shape of a V having two tree leg wires approximately eight to ten feet long and a bent center section;

5 twisting the tree leg wires around each other;

separating tree leg wires from each other;

wrapping beads with said separated tree leg wires;

forming a votive cup ring from tree leg wires;

10 cutting said tree wire bent center section to form a tree wire root end;

shaping said cut tree wire root end;

mixing a concrete base;

inserting said tree wire root end into said concrete base when said base is beginning to cure; and

15 pressing a votive cup into said concrete base to create a votive cavity therein.